

## SECOND AND THIRD DIVISION NOTES

All games this weekend will be played on Sunday and the most attractive fixture would appear to be Pan Hellenic v. Kearsley.

Pan Hellenic unexpectedly was held to a draw last Sunday by Belmont-Swansea whilst Kearsley equally surprised by going down to Dudley-Redhead.

On form Pan Hellenic should have no difficulty in defeating Kearsley but it is felt that the more robust play of Kearsley could upset the rhythm of Pan Hellenic's play and if this happens a very close struggle would eventuate.

Jesmond are at home to leaders Weston and unless a complete reversal takes place, Weston should continue their undefeated run.

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Slavia United meets Belmont-Swansea and on paper this game should enable Belmont-Swansea to gain an additional two points to help it in its endeavour to ensure a semi-final berth.

Bellbird and Toronto Diggers are both on equal points but Bellbird has the better goal average and unless the unexpected happens, Bellbird should win but by only a narrow margin.

The Entrance journeys to Tighe's Hill to meet Newcastle Tech. and here again we have two teams on equal points, consequently the result could go either way without surprising.

Stockton meets Nelson Bay and the latter could possibly join two or three other teams on equal points for the premiership lead.

South Wallsend play Teachers College in the remaining match and should have no difficulty in gathering an additional two points.

A point of interest in this Division is that we have played 44 matches and there has been not one drawn game. Who is going to be the first with the doubtful honour?

With Weston likely to go up, Cessnock is having such a poor run that it is nearing the danger zone of relegation. It would be tragic if a side of such tradition were to be forced into the Second Division, but that is what seems to be the shape of things to come. However, Cessnock has always been a grand fighting side and, with the question fair and square in front of it, we can expect a solid effort to escape the relegation zone. If the bid succeeds there will be many who will breath a sigh of relief.

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## Last Week's Results

**FIRST DIVISION.**—Adamstown 5, West Wallsend 4; Newcastle Austral 7, Cardiff 2; Cessnock 3, Awaba 2; Lake Macquarie 1, Wallsend 1; Maitland 1, Mayfield United 3.

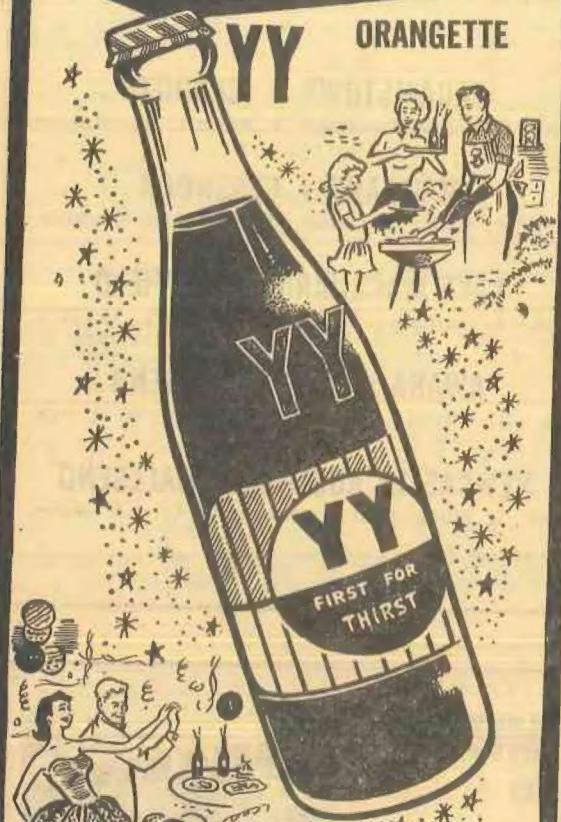
**ALLIANCE LEAGUE.**—Adamstown 4, West Wallsend 2; Maitland 5, Mayfield United 4; Lake Macquarie 1, Wallsend 3; Cessnock 0, Awaba 1; Newcastle Austral 1, Cardiff 3.

**SECOND DIVISION.**—Jesmond 2, Weston 4; Slavia United 0, Belmont-Swansea 3; Dudley-Redhead 6, Charlestown 1; Pan-Hellenic 5, Kearsley 0; Young Wallsend 5, Merewether 2.

**SECOND DIVISION.**—Reserve grades Jesmond 0, Weston 4; Slavia United 0, Belmont-Swansea 8; Pan Hellenic 1, Kearsley 1; Dudley-Redhead 2, Charles town 4; Young Wallsend 4, Merewether 2.

**THIRD DIVISION.**—Hamilton Azzuri 1, Macquarie Wanderers 1; Bellbird 3, Toronto Diggers 1; Newcastle Tech. 3, The Entrance 3; Stockton 1, Nelson Bay 10; South Wallsend 6, Teachers' College 3.

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## - Here and There -

Newcastle should have a fair share of representatives in the N.S.W. under 18 team which is to play eight matches in the North Island of New Zealand on a tour which begins on August 22. There will be something wrong if this is not so, for Newcastle has a wealth of players eligible for such a tour.

The tour programme is: August 22, v. Auckland, at Auckland; August 24, v. Wiaktao, at Hamilton; August 27, v. Hawkes Bay, at Hastings; August 29, v. Wellington, at Wellington; August 31, v. Manawatu, at Palmerston North; September 1, v. Wanganui, at Wanganui; September 2, match to be arranged at New Plymouth; September 5, v. Post-prinary representative XI at Auckland.

The David Turnbull Memorial Shield was presented to the Adamstown 'Rosebuds' Soccer Club by Mr. John Turnbull for and on behalf of the John Turnbull family in memory of a 'Rosebud' player, David Turnbull. David played all his Junior football with Adamstown and represented in most Junior grades and when his untimely death occurred in a car accident, he was playing in the 'Rosebud' Alliance team.

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**LES SHARP:** Young stopper for Awaba. Also one of the best wing half-backs in the game. Brother Barry plays inside left for same team.



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## PREMIERSHIP AT HALF-WAY MARK BUT NOTHING SETTLED

By PAUL MacKENZIE

The Northern Soccer League First Division premiership is half over but still not yet sufficiently settled down for one to have any hope of correctly forecasting either the pennant winner or the semi-final four. The second round, to begin this weekend, will tell the tale—and what a thriller it should be before we know all the answers.

Lake Macquarie is making a great bid for top place with its run of nine matches without loss and, on form, must be given a grand chance of doing equally well in the second round. However, form has been so topsy-turvy that none can be dogmatic enough to say it will.

Apart from Lake Macquarie's splendid effort, features of the first round were the collapse of West Wallsend and the great bound of Newcastle Austral from obscurity to fourth place on the points score table. Austral keeps Awaba, which, earlier in the season, seemed one of the teams hardest to beat, out of the top four by virtue of a better goal average. On its showing against Cardiff, which it defeated 7-2 on Sunday, Austral will make matters most interesting from now on—if it retains the form

it showed at Wallsend, of course.

Adamstown is another side which bears watching—not only for its good football but also for its premiership potential. Unbeaten in its four home matches and beaten only twice away, Adamstown is third on the table but equal on points with Wallsend, which it defeated in good style at Adamstown.

Wallsend, although second, has nothing to crow about. It gained only two points from its four away matches, while having a most impressive home record—five wins in five matches, 23 goals for and only four against. But it must not be overlooked that Wallsend meets most of its toughest opponents in the second round on the Crystal Palace playing pitch, starting with Newcastle Austral this weekend.

It defeated Austral 6-0 in the first match of the season but things are different now. Then, on Sunday week, Wallsend will be at home to Adamstown, its conqueror of the first round.

Cardiff is the mystery side. It was undefeated in four of its five matches in the first round at Cardiff but did not gain a single point in its four away matches. And it has to play five times in the second round, while meeting some tough sides at Cardiff. It is now below Mayfield, another side with a great liking for its own playing pitch and which did not gain an away win till last Sunday at Maitland. But

that win pulled Mayfield out of the relegation mire, for it moved up two places.

Maitland is hard to follow. It has its periods of ups and downs. Agreed, injuries have handicapped the side, which is a much better XI than third last position suggests. Maitland needs points badly and, with more home matches than away fixtures to come, has a chance to get them in the second round.

West Wallsend and Cessnock, two of the North's oldest clubs, are the problem teams. Both have the job in front of them to keep in the top division.

West Wallsend has slumped badly. It did well in defeat against Awaba in the first match of the season, losing 6-5 after being down 6-1 with little time left for play, but then it started to show form and when, after giving Wallsend three goals start with only 17 minutes to play it won 4-3, it was slap-bang in the premiership picture. But it has lost its last five matches and so has dropped to the depths again.

It has scored only five points in nine matches and four of those points were gained at home. Its not encouraging form and, unless West Wallsend gets a sudden move on, its future is decidedly bleak. But it has the players who can win matches. It's difficult to put a finger on the side's ills but few enthusiasts will not be hoping for a quick recovery.

Cessnock won its first match on Sunday when it beat Awaba after having drawn three earlier matches. The win should give this battling side much encouragement. It might be on the way back. Let's hope so.

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	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
WALLSEND	9	7	1	1	35	13	15
AWABA	9	6	2	1	23	5	14
ADAMSTOWN	9	6	2	1	35	10	14
CARDIFF	9	5	2	2	22	13	12
LAKE MACQ.	9	4	1	4	24	21	9
CESSNOCK	9	4	1	4	11	14	9
WEST WALLSEND	9	3	2	4	20	19	8
MAYFIELD	9	1	2	6	14	29	4
AUSTRAL	9	1	1	7	8	27	3
MAITLAND	9	1	0	8	12	53	2
TOTALS	90	38	14	38	204	204	90

**SECOND DIVISION**

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
WESTON	9	9	0	0	47	9	18
PAN HELLENIC	9	7	1	1	29	6	15
BELMONT-SWAN.	9	5	1	3	27	18	11
YOUNG WALL.	9	4	3	2	18	22	11
KEARSLEY	9	4	1	4	19	19	9
JESMOND	9	4	1	4	21	21	9
DUDLEY-RED.	9	4	1	4	25	28	9
SLAVIA	9	4	1	6	11	25	5
CHARLESTOWN	9	0	2	7	11	34	2
MEREWEATHER	9	0	1	8	8	36	1
TOTALS	90	41	12	39	216	216	90

**SECOND DIVISION—RESERVE GRADE**

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
WESTON	9	8	0	1	35	7	16
BELMONT-SWAN.	9	7	1	1	37	8	15
CHARLESTOWN	9	5	2	2	22	17	12
YOUNG WALL.	9	5	1	3	24	19	11
DUDLEY-RED.	9	5	0	4	26	19	10
SLAVIA	9	4	1	4	19	26	9
KEARSLEY	9	2	2	5	12	22	6
PAN HELLENIC	9	2	2	5	16	25	6
JESMOND	9	2	1	6	18	24	5
MEREWEATHER	9	0	0	9	3	45	0
TOTALS	90	40	10	40	212	212	90

**THIRD DIVISION**

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
HAM. AZZURI	10	8	1	1	30	9	17
BELLBIRD	10	8	0	2	44	14	16
NELSON BAY	10	8	0	2	45	17	16
TORONTO DIG	10	7	0	3	26	15	14
STH. WALLSEND	10	7	0	3	28	20	14
MACQ. WANDERERS	10	6	1	2	46	11	13
BARNESLEY	10	5	0	4	29	22	10
N'CLE TECH.	10	3	1	6	17	38	7
THE ENTRANCE	10	3	1	6	19	52	7
STOCKTON	10	1	0	9	14	52	2
TEACHERS COLL.	10	1	0	9	13	51	2
TOTALS	110	57	4	47	301	301	119

# MACQUARIE JUNIOR SOCCER ASSOCIATION

The Macquarie Junior Association now has 2274 registered players, and during discussion at the last General Meeting delegates expressed concern at the increasing practice amongst Northern League Clubs to bring into the teams imports, to the exclusion of local products.

With a view to rectifying this situation in the future, Macquarie have instituted a system of coaching of players with most potential. Under this scheme a squad is selected in each age group which receives up to five months specialised coaching per year.

The high cost of this system causes some concern, however it is hoped that as a result of their training these players should in the future be given preference over importations by senior clubs.

The Macquarie Association realises the problem of senior clubs in obtaining class players, but refers them to the successful policy of the Lake Macquarie Club, who are using mainly local products in this year's teams.

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## NORTHERN LEAGUE POINTS TABLE

### HOME MATCHES

### AWAY MATCHES

### TOTALS

	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
LAKE MACQUARIE	3	1	0	11	4	7	3	2	0	11	8	8	9	6	3	0	22	12	15
WALLSEND	5	0	0	23	4	10	0	2	2	8	11	2	9	5	2	2	31	15	12
ADAMSTOWN	4	0	0	15	9	8	1	2	2	10	14	4	9	5	2	2	25	23	12
AUSTRAL	3	0	1	18	10	6	1	1	3	8	13	3	9	4	1	4	26	23	9
AWABA	2	1	1	10	7	5	2	0	3	15	17	4	9	4	1	4	25	24	9
MAYFIELD	2	3	0	14	11	7	1	0	3	7	11	2	9	3	3	3	21	22	9
CARDIFF	3	1	1	11	6	7	0	0	4	7	20	0	9	3	1	5	18	26	7
MAITLAND	2	0	2	4	8	4	1	1	3	9	15	3	9	3	1	5	13	23	7
WEST WALLSEND	2	0	3	14	16	4	0	1	3	8	11	1	9	2	1	6	22	27	5
CESSNOCK	1	3	1	12	12	5	0	0	4	4	12	0	9	1	3	5	16	24	5
TOTALS	27	9	9	132	87	63	9	9	27	87	132	27	90	36	18	36	219	219	90

## YOUNG WALLSEND KNOW THE PLAYERS SOCCER

The first round ended on a good note last Sunday when the senior team defeated the former first division side Merewether by 5 goals to 2.

Youngie are now vying with several other clubs for a place in the semi-finals and we start the second round with high hopes. Next week we meet the strong Jesmond side at home, and look for a big crowd to give support to the local lads.

The second team also recorded a good win 4-2 over Merewether.

A group of Speers Point business identities headed by Mr. Dick Herbert are prepared to accept financial responsibility for a challenge match between a Northern Under 23 select and this so called New South Wales Eleven to be played at Speers Point

RON BOSLEM: Played with Awaba before being transferred to Mayfield where he is doing a great job at No. 5.

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**FIRST DIVISION.**—Saturday: Mayfield United v. Newcastle Austral; Sunday: Wallsend v. Adamstown; Cessnock v. West Wallsend; Maitland v. Lake Macquarie; Cardiff v. Awaba.

**ALLIANCE LEAGUE.**—As in First Division.

**SECOND DIVISION.**—Jesmond v. Belmont-Swansea; Kearsley v. Weston; Charlestown v. Slavia United; Merewether v. Pan-Hellenic; Young Wallsend v. Dudley-Redhead.

**SECOND DIVISION.**—Reserve grades Matches as in above draw.

**THIRD DIVISION.**—Hamilton Azzuri v. Toronto Diggers; The Entrance v. Macquarie Wanderers; Nelson Bay v. Bellbird; Newcastle Teachers' College v. Newcastle Technical College; Barnsley v. Stockton; South Wallsend, a bye.



## FIRST DIVISION MATCHES AND TEAMS

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

### ADAMSTOWN v. CARDIFF

White with Red & Green

1. J. DORMAN
2. J. McINALLY
3. R. CLARK
4. B. DAYKIN
5. J. EASTON
6. J. POWER
7. D. JOHNS
8. R. BAARTZ
9. R. HOWELLS
10. W. COOK
11. C. CURRAN

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SUNDAY, JUNE 21

### AWABA v. WEST WALLSEND

Blue with White

1. J. SMITH
2. R. HITCHCOCK
3. W. FIELD
4. R. REYNOLDS
5. J. PRETSWELL
6. L. SHARP
7. G. PINCHES
8. D. FIELD
9. R. BURGOYNE
10. H. GOODSIR
11. B. SHARP

Ref. K. Urwin. Linesmen: G. Muir, W. Turner.

# SYDNEY MORNING HERALD BEST AND FAIREST POINTS

Maitland v. Mayfield United.—

3: J. Meier (Mait.), 2: A. Lambkin (May.). 1: K. McGuiness (May.).

Lake Macquarie v. Wallsend.—

3: K. Gabriel (L.M.). 2: W. Davies (W.). 1: J. Wellham (L.M.).

Newcastle Austral v. Cardiff.—

3: J. Doolan (N.A.). 2: W. Harvey (N.A.). 1: R. McKenzie (N.A.).

Cessnock v. Awaba.—

3: T. Sneddon (C.). 2: L. Sharp (A.). 1: A. Johns (C.).

Adamstown v. West Wallsend.—

3: T. Yeats (W.W.). 2: J. Easton (A.). 1: R. Hughes (W.W.).

## News from Gunnedah . . .

What a wonderful team of sporting ambassadors and gentlemen, Macquarie Wanderers Soccer Club are! dependent A def. Breeza. Under 12: Wolseley Independent A def. Police Boys A.

Under 14: Ajax A def. Ajax B. Under 16: Curlewis def. Ajax.

Senior: Bankstown Thistle def. Macquarie Wanderers B.

Awaba met Thistle in the quarter final but found that they were a very thorny problem as most Thistles are.

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Macquarie Wanderers made a very nice gesture in presenting a travelling clock to John Paton as the best and fairest Gunnedah player. Guess who won the £5 double though? You earned it sport!

On Saturday, Gunnedah played Sydney 2nd Division team Thistle, and put up one of their best performances to be beaten 3-1. This was our annual joust with Thistle and they came out on top this year to win the Tom McKnight Trophy.

The results of games were:

Under 10: Bankstown Thistle 1 def. Gunnedah 0.

Under 12: Gunnedah 2 def. Thistle 1.

Under 14: Gunnedah 3 def. Thistle 1.

Under 16: Thistle 10 def. Gunnedah 0.

Seniors: Thistle 3 def. Gunnedah 0.

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Our six-a-side tournament resulted in many good matches. Results of finals were:

Under 8: Ajax A def. Liverpool Plains United.

Under 10: Wolseley In-

## OVERSEAS RESULTS

LILLE (France): Aerico of Rio de Janeiro 2, Lille 1.

LISBON — Portuguese Cup: Quarter-finals, second leg: Benfica 3, Lusitano of Evora 1; Benfica qualified, aggregate 11-2. Ferroviario 2, Lusitania 2; Lusitania qualified, aggregate 5-3.

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## Austral's new players

Newcastle Austral which, after an unlucky run, is starting to show its real form with wins against Awaba and West Wallsend to encourage it, signed on two new players received.

One is Billy Paton, a left winger who has played in international matches for Scotland and the other Terry Such, a 24-year-old who has played with Hakoah, Auburn—when Bruce Morrow, of Wallsend, was a member of the team—and Prague.

Paton played in recent years with Scotland's Youth team against Ireland and also with the Scottish amateur side, Ireland again being the opponent.

He began his football with Kilwinning Rangers and Mosstown before going to Glenelton Athletic, with which team he played when it won the Western Scotland League championships.

Offers came from top-line clubs, notably Ayr United, the team in the city in which he was born, Hibernian, Hearts and St. Mirren. He refused them in favour of coming to Australia.

Paton, who is accompanied by his wife, is a fitter and turner by trade and a position has been found for him. He will live in the Belmont district. If he has recovered from the plane trip, Paton will play for Austral against Cardiff at the Crystal Palace ground in Wallsend on Sunday.

Terry Such is a lad from Lancashire who has been in Australia since his late schooldays. He played with Hakoah and scored many goals for it, then had a few seasons with Auburn and North Shore before having

a year's spell. Prague then called on him and he played a few matches before coming to Newcastle to manage the Orient Hotel in Newcastle, owned by Mr. Chris Evans, a keen Soccer supporter.

Such, having his first run in a match for a long time, did well enough with Newcastle Austral's Alliance League side at West Wallsend on Sunday, till his condition gave out, to suggest that, once he is fit, he will be a menace to goalkeepers in the North.

Such is doing a fine job with teams from Marist Brothers' School in Hamilton and his coaching is having a telling effect on the lads, who are improving by leaps and bounds.

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# 'UNWANTED' PATON HAS BURST INTO LIMELIGHT

By TOMMY WORKMAN

What a season this has been for Glenafton's controversial left winger Billy Paton. From the obscurity of a club's "unwanted" list the Ayr boy has fought his way back into the limelight.

Over a year ago Billy could have been found playing in his first season as a Junior with Kilwinning Rangers.

But although he showed ability, he never did quite fit into the Abbey Park attack. So, it was no surprise when he was handed a free transfer halfway through the season.

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Billy Paton, the quicksilver outside left of Glenafton Athletic and Scottish junior international, is in keen senior demand.

St. Mirren and Ayr United were the first to become interested in him and he is certain to step up when Glenafton lose interest in the Scottish Cup.

Another Glenafton player very much in the senior eye is right back George Caldwell. Ipswich Town are the latest club to make inquiries about him. He has already been interviewed by Patrick Thistle.

This pretty well shattered Billy's football hopes, for he had dreams of becoming a big star overnight.

Still, he decided to stay in the game and he went to amateur side Mossblown from Annbank . . . and that's when Glenafton first came on the scene.

After watching him a few times "Glens" decided to offer him terms, and Billy, desperate to have another crack at the Juniors, immediately signed.

This was undoubtedly the turning point in the little wing man's career. For although he played only four games before the season ended, he won his first medal when Glenafton beat Irvine Meadow in the Western League championship decider.

But things have been even better this term for Paton. Not only has he made himself an automatic choice for Glenafton's left-wing berth, but he has also burst into the international spotlight.

First he was "capped" for Junior Scotland against Ireland in March then last week he played for Scotland against Ireland again this time in the amateur international.

Several clubs, including St. Mirren and Ayr United are showing an interest in Paton now. So it's no wonder "Glens" are glad that they gave Billy Paton his second chance.

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## FIRST ROUND NOW COMPLETED

In an astounding season of remarkable changing fortunes, half the season has slipped by and who will be the final four is still in the realm of doubt.

Commendably the youthful Lake Macquarie side has weathered the first half without defeat and it will be a wonderful achievement if they can continue with the unbroken sequence until the 18th round on 16th August. Strangely enough it will be against one of the prominent challenging contenders, Wallsend.

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I feel that with the acceleration of the tempo in the next nine series of the Competition many upsets will assuredly occur and one would hesitate to anticipate the ultimate results.

The officials of every Club have striven valiantly to place their team on the winning rung of the ladder. In so doing there have been disappointments, even, one might say, bitter disappointments. But as often happens particularly with teams of equal strength the pendulum of fortune could swing more favourably than in the first half.

Briefly, reviewing the season so far it is indelibly written that every team is better conditioned than in other seasons. Coaches have a full appreciation of the paramount need of fitness and this has been markedly revealed this season in every instance.

I was no more convinced of this fact than the Daniels' Cup Final where two

teams after a torrid game on Sunday astounded the large crowd on Monday with a fast open game of ninety minutes of football. It was only in the dying minutes of the game was there visible evidence of tiredness.

The standard of play is steadily improving. There is marked improvement in ball control, more intelligent distribution of the ball and sounder tackling. We have witnessed greater use of the exciting wing play. I am hopeful that this form of attack will be more fully exploited. It is always a crowd pleaser.

An added feature of this season is the gratifying improvement in our Reserve grade of football. A further laudable feature has been the preponderance of young players in the teams. This potential augers well for the future. Keep persevering Coaches.

Our Second Division has strikingly felt the impact of better football. Many favourable comments are being repeatedly heard of the greatly improved attraction of this Division. I am sure every Soccer follower is thrilled with the splendid revival of interest by the leaders of the Competition. Weston, a soccer centre that over the years produced many outstanding players and teams.

One can envisage a battle royal in the struggle for supremacy in the Third Division. Several teams are having their first year of Divisional Football, but all in all they are making an invaluable contribution to our Code.

Wishing all Club Officials and players a successful culmination to what we expect our best season.

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## SECOND AND THIRD DIVISION NOTES

We come now to the beginning of the second round with Weston enjoying a nice handy lead of three points and having a goal average of over 5, having only conceded 9 goals in 9 matches. A very good performance and effort.

All games will be played on Sunday and one of the most attractive matches will be at Edgeworth when Young Wallsend meets Jesmond. Two points separate the two teams and on paper they should have very little between them. Jesmond due to the experience they have gained, could be a little too much for the younger Young Wallsend team.

Dudley-Redhead meets Mereweather Club and with 8 points separating the two sides, it is hardly worth this forecast, but sometime the unexpected does happen.

Pan Hellenic will meet Charlestown and here again we have a large difference between the two teams on points and I doubt whether a man can expect Charlestown to defeat Pan Hellenic.

Kearsley journeys to Newcastle and you have to watch these Coalfield fellows a little quietly as one never

knows what they are going to do next but they should gain another two points on Sunday, despite their defeat of last weekend.

Belmont-Swansea journey to Weston and whilst trailing Weston on 7 points, Belmont-Swansea will fully extend Max Hamilton's boys, but the greater experience of the Weston players should be a little too much for the Belmont-Swansea players in the final stages and Weston should maintain their undefeated record.

In the Third Division competition we had nine rounds of fixtures without a drawn game and then in the tenth round, awards were made with two drawn fixtures.

The Saturday fixture this weekend should be one of the most attractive fixtures if not the most attractive of the round for Toronto Diggers are opposed to Macquarie Wanderers. The Diggers have played one more game than the Wanderers but are only leading them by one point. Macquarie Wanderers however have a more impressive goal average, 46 for 11 against compared with Toronto Diggers 26-15, so if one took this

they should have no difficulty in returning home with the two points.

This weekend concludes the first round of fixtures in this Division and with four points covering six teams in the premiership table it has become a very interesting competition wherein interest should increase as the second round progresses.

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Who is the Secretary of a 1st Div. Club who is reported to have become so excited and jumped so high when his team recorded their first win of the season, that it is reported he suffered a sprained ankle on landing? (No prize for the correct answer).

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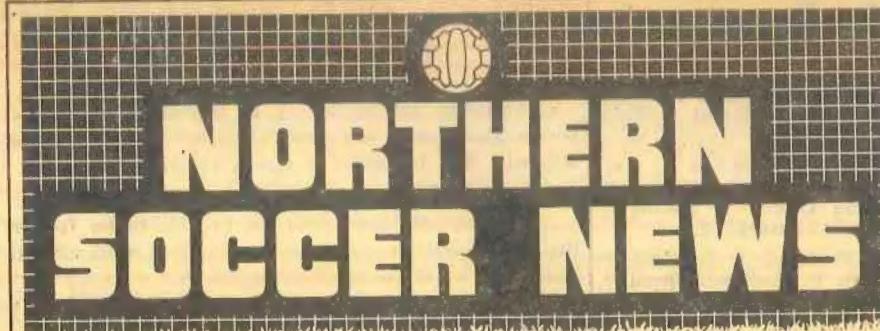
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